

REMARKS

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/116,055, filed April 5, 2002. On November 15, 2003, a Restriction Requirement was made (10/116,055, Paper No. 6). This application presents non-elected claims from the Restriction Requirement.

Claims 1-16 were originally filed. In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-8 and 11-14. Accordingly, claims 9-10 and 15-16 will be pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination on the merits.

Applicant respectfully requests a favorable action on the merits of the pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

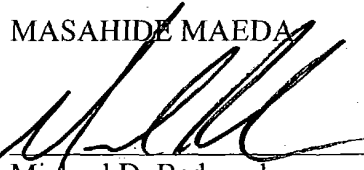
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